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Encl: (1) COMATKWINGPAC Command History for CY96  
(2) COMATKWINGPACNOTE 5400  
(3) COMATKWINGPAC/VA 196 Disestablishment Program

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.  
The Command History for 1997 is included due to the disestab-  
lishment of COMATKWINGPAC.

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## COMATKWINGPAC COMMAND HISTORY FOR CY96

### 1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission of COMATKWINGPAC. The mission of Commander, Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Naval Air Station, Whidbey Island, Washington (COMATKWINGPAC) is to provide the fleet with combat ready attack (VA) squadrons, trained to conduct carrier-based, all weather, attack missions as required by the fleet tactical commander.

b. Organizational Structure. COMATKWINGPAC is a subordinate commander to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet and acts as his representative in the functional specialty of VA matters.

c. Operational/Administrative Control. COMATKWINGPAC exercises control of VA 165 and VA 196 which are homeported at NAS Whidbey Island, WA and VA 115 which was in Atsugi, Japan, then Lemoore, CA.

d. Command Title. Commander, Attack Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMATKWINGPAC) is Captain Terry J. Toms, USN.

### 2. Chronological History:

#### January

VA-128 Detachment secured.

Coordinated and affected repairs for Silicon Graphics computer located at Naval Air Warfare Center Detachment NAS Oceana, VA.

Conducted Government Acceptance Inspection for 2 new TOPSCENE units at the Loral Vought Systems (LVS) factory, Grand Prairie, TX.

Attended a Standoff Land Attack Missile-Extended Range (SLAM-ER) meeting.

Passed \$3000.00 from Harpoon/SLAM program to VA-196 for placing Planning Logistics Group Reviewers (PLGR) on order. PLGRers came in after VA-196 deployed.

Shipped source data to Loral Vought Systems for the preparation of maintenance manuals and training courses.

VA-95 vans shipped to Aircraft Maintenance and Rework Center (AMARC).

Conducted VA-115's post-cruise Material Condition Inspection (MCI). Performed inspection of VA-115 Logs/Records, Technical Directives program in conjunction with MCI.

Briefed ship's personnel aboard USS CARL VINSON on current procedures in effect to support the A-6E SWIP Night Vision Imaging System (NVIS). Informed AIMD and Supply on action to take for local repair of NVIS modified units and interim supply support procedures to swap NVIS retrograde for Ready For Issue (RFI) units.

Obtained AFC 644 components to modify Ground Fueling Panels, Part Number 128AV10824-9, to current configuration. Modified units will be utilized for rotatable spares.

Provided logistics support for NVIS for deployed squadrons VA-165 and VA-196.

Provided logistics support on the Digital Signal Data Converter (DSDC), Part Number 53-020-01, to USS CARL VINSON and NAS Whidbey Island.

Proposed RAMEC to modify engine bay door strobe light wiring for Night Vision Goggle (NVG) compatibility.

Terminated Maintenance Training Implementation Plan (MTIP) program for COMATKWINGPAC.

Initiated early release of SDRS maintenance data processing station to replace aging recorders/reproducers.

Two aircraft transferred to AMARC.

Submitted requisitions to update COMATKWINGPAC Technical Publications Library (TPL).

Assisted VA-196 with proper documentation for aircraft transferred to AMARC.

## February

Traveled to Bahrain to repair the USS NIMITZ TOPSCENE. Unit required a new Indy computer and a new I04 board. While in Bahrain made three trips to the USS PELELIU (HMM 268) to affect repairs to their unit. 5 of 8 hot swap drives had failed.

Conducted site survey for the USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63).

Provided logistics support for Night Vision Instrumentation System (NVIS) for deployed squadrons VA-165 and VA-196.

Assembled and delivered night vision asset pack-up to VA-196.



Submitted Aircraft Damage Repair List (ADRL) to revise distribution requirements for COMATKWINGPAC CTPL.

Inventoried Laser Guided Bomb Unit (LGB) Trainer assets at NAS Whidbey. This information is being collected for the office of Naval Air Weapons Center-Weapons Division, Sue Moreau, by Mr. Norm Buttler, in preparation of A6 "stand down" and repositioning of assets. Prepared and submitted a report to Mr. Buttler, with copy to the NAS Whidbey Station Weapons Officer.

Assisted VA-196 with a A6/Walleye test set A/C electrical problem.

Supported Mr. Mike Phillips of NAS Barbers Point in obtaining P-3 missile rack bench test set schematics, locally manufactured at NAS Whidbey AIMD-700 Division. Updated AIMD-700 on use of unapproved/ locally manufactured equipment and procedures to get it approved along with procedure for use.

Assisted AIMD Whidbey in preparing RMK-31 tow reel assets for disposition to Pacific Missile Test Center with stand down of the A6 .

Assisted VA-196 with Harpoon/S3B missile shoot aboard carrier.

Assisted with SLAM-ER upload on F/A-18. Problems were encountered with umbilical and no protective cap cover stowage.

Missile training requested by NAVAIR (Missile Sentencing Inspection training) to save missile from being shipped back to depot which are Ready For Issue but are marked wrong. Total saving to U.S. Navy for all classes given (over five classes given) is over a half million dollars in shipping cost.

#### March

LT (b) (6) retired.

VA-196 Decommissioning Conference at BUPERS. AFCEM(AW) (b) (6) and AOCS (b) (6) attended.

Attended software support meeting on SLAM-ER.

Participated in Tiger Team SLAM missile shoot at Pacific Missile Test Center (PMTTC). Also supplied all missing Mission Data Loading Input Unit (MIU) equipment to the Carrier Air Wing.

Provided logistics support for Night Vision Instrumentation System for deployed squadrons VA-165 and VA-196.

Coordinated the distribution of new Hoist Loading Unit, HLU-288, bomb hoist cables due to existing cables having defective cable ends.

Obtained 30 helmet visors to cover VA-165 deployment requirements.

Performed Material Condition Inspection (MCI) on VA-196.

Performed inspection of VA-196 Logs/Records, Technical Directives program in support of MCI.

Attended Ship's Scalable High Performance Local Area Network (SHPL) meeting on 21 March at COMNAVAIRSYSCOM Program Manager Assistant 205 and Video Teleconferencing Center at NAVSEA.

#### April

Received "O" level training on the Maverick/P-3 system from Naval Aviation Warfare Center (NAWC)/Weapons Division, Mr. Michael Phillips.

Received "O" level training on the Harpoon/P-3 system from NAWC/WEP-DIV Mr. Philip Crain.

Assisted NAWC/WEP. DIV. Mr. Jim Wilkinson with arrangements at NAS Whidbey for the reprogramming of 4 training HARM missiles.

Attended SLAM-ER software support meeting.

Participated in Tiger Team SLAM missile shoot. Supplied all missing MIU equipment to CAG.

Positioned newly repainted A-6 from Hangar 10 to front gate NAS Whidbey Island for static display.

Issued four sets of MXU-810/U "catseye" night vision devices to VA-196.

Released Computerized Self Evaluation Checklist Version 6.0 to ATKWINGPAC.

2 aircraft transferred to AMARC.

Submitted follow-up requisitions to support Tech Library.

Coordinated with COMVAQWINGPAC a list of technical manuals to be transferred to COMVAQWINGPAC upon CAWP disestablishment.

Removed TOPSCENE unit from USS PELELIU for transfer to Marine Aviation Group 16 and subsequent transfer to USS ESSEX Eleventh MEU.

Removed TOPSCENE unit from USS NIMITZ for transfer to USS KITTY HAWK.



Performed hardware modification on Modular Mission Rehearsal System (MMRS) 20 (unit from USS NIMITZ). Removed the Video Disc Player.

Performed Hardware modification on MMRS 19 (unit front USS PELELIU).

### May

Attended the "Harpoon Theory of Operation" course instructed by Mr. George F. Smith

Attended Harpoon conference.

Attended test equipment Integrated Product Support (IPS) meeting for SLAM-ER.

Participated in Tiger Team SLAM missile shoot Point Mugu. Supplied all missing MIU equipment to CAG.

Gave Harpoon Theory of Operation class for Foreign Military Sales (FMS) personnel from Point Mugu.

AMH1(AW) (b) (6) developed "I" Level maintenance procedures for the rotary wingfold actuator which was approved by Cognizant Field Activity and disseminated to AIMD Whidbey Island.

AMH1(AW) (b) (6) and AMS1(AW) (b) (6) attended Aerial Refueling Stores Action Team meeting in Jacksonville, Florida.

Attended NVIS close-out meeting in Annapolis, MD where storage plans for A-6 NVIS material were finalized.

VA-165 returned from deployment.

VA-196 commenced final A-6 deployment on board USS CARL VINSON.

Performed MPA on VA-165.

3 aircraft transferred to AMARC.

Performed TOPSCENE installation of TOPSCENE unit MMRS 20, at MAG-16 MCAS, Tustin, CA. Conducted training.

Responded to trouble call for TOPSCENE unit on board USS INDEPENDENCE.

Coordinated TOPSCENE preinstallation site survey for the USS ESSEX.

### June

AMH1 (b) (6) retired. A team from COMATKWINGPAC participated in the American Cancer Society "Relay For Life" walk-a-thon.

Arranged with PATWING-10 to perform Maverick missile Training for air/ground crew week of 17 June. Present problem is we do not have an up-to-date Maverick P-3 A/C available at Whidbey.

CAPT Toms (COMATKWINGPAC) reviewed RMK-31/A6E Fleet Operations following Japanese shootdown of VA-115 A6E A/C. This was followed up with assisting in preparing news brief to be given by CAPT Toms, for local news channels.

Reviewed student handout for "O" level maintenance/loading AGM-65F Maverick.

Worked on developing training course for Maverick/P-3 "O" level Maintenance.

Assisted in Harpoon missile shoot for S-3B squadron.

Attended A-6E/EA-6B component repair support transition meeting at NAVICP Philadelphia, PA. Reviewed in detail 172 EA-6B and 61 A-6E depot repairable items critical to continued support of the A-6E Intruders and EA-6B Prowlers. This in-depth review was required due to the BRAC closure of Naval Aviation Depot Norfolk and resulting transition of depot repair to Naval Depot Jacksonville, Cherry Point and North Island.

Attended J52 Annual Component Improvement Program (CIP) at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Assisted VA-115 with transfer of Electronic Warfare and Night Vision Goggle Avionics.

Redistributed controlled countermeasures assets from VA-115 to VFA-27, COMSTRKFIGHTWINGPAC and COMAEWWINGPAC.

Through liaison with Naval Special Warfare Center, Crane, obtained definitive test requirements concerning maximum rotation allowed when testing MXU-810/U "catseye" goggles.

Performed follow-up MPA on VA-165.

Performed MCI on VA-165.

AZCS(AW) (b) (6) transferred to USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62).

CAWP Maintenance Secretary transferred to CAWP Admin; duties transferred to N4117.

11 aircraft transferred to AMARC.

Conducted TOPSCENE training aboard USS CARL VINSON.

Conducted on load and training for USS TARAWA.

July

Commander TAD to Command Screen Board.

AT1 (b) (6) retired.

Far East Intruder Ball.

VA-165 Distestablishment ceremony.

Worked on developing training course for Maverick/P-3 "O" level Maintenance Course.

Reviewed AW-820HN-MSI-000 "O" (RSS&I) level Maintenance Missile Sentencing and Inspection Instructions.

Received 8 hours of Sparrow and 8 hours of Sidewinder Training at Pt. Mugu during all representative administrative meeting.

Received introduction to SLAM orientation and training on SLAM ACE computer for P-3 at Pt. Mugu.

Worked NAWC, Pt Mugu on publications dealing with storage of Harpoon/SLAM for all configuration.

Attended EA-6B/HARM upload training with Missile "Bit Check" at NAS Whidbey for VAQ 133.

Participated in Tiger Team SLAM missile shoot F/A-18. Supplied all missing MIU equipment to CAG.

Attended IPT SLAM-ER meeting.

Participated as Missile Assist Team (MAT) for VAQ 133 Harm missile shoot at Pt. Mugu.

Drafted world wide message for complete inventory of all MIU equipment for SLAM Missile.

Worked on the location of all 2.3 and 2.41 software SLAM.  
Drafted message to have all of these missiles shipped back to AIRPAC/LAT for further transfer to McDonnell Douglas.

Worked problem with NAWC Point Mugu on TS 3519E Test Set for Korea P-3 aircraft release and control checks.

Sent in action chit to increase length of power cable on Memory Loader for P-3. Power cable too short to reach any power source (28VDC) on this aircraft.



Interfaced with NAVAIR, COMNAVAIRPAC, Cognizant Field Activity and DRMO strike authority for six J52-P8B engines. These engines are being used as training aids and static displays at aircraft museums and technical colleges world wide. This will promote community relations and enhance the Navy's partnership in education programs. Returned over \$6,000,000 in reutilization funds back to DRMO Whidbey.

Coordinated the demilitarization of prototype Receiver Group for NAS Whidbey Island display aircraft BUNO 149482.

Received shipment of VA-115's excess material.

Hosted VA-115 TRANSPAC to AMARC.

Continued to assist VA-165 in preparation for VA-165 Aircraft Maintenance Evaluation and disestablishment.

10 aircraft transferred to AMARC.

AEC(AW) (b) (6) transferred to Fleet Reserve.

AT1(AW) (b) (6) transferred to Fleet Reserve.

VA-165 disestablishment ceremony held.

Installed TOPSCENE aboard USS ESSEX for HMM-163

Conducted TOPSCENE user and system administration training for HMM-163.

Submitted FY 97 budget inputs to PMA 205 for NAWC TOPSCENE reps.

Initiated and concluded JAG investigation to locate SGI software for the HMM-268 TOPSCENE unit.

#### August

COMATKWINGPAC Decommissioning Conference at BUPERS. AFCEM(AW) (b) (6), AOCS (b) (6), and PNC(AW) (b) (6) attended.

Command Picnic.

Participated in all Services Combat Identification Evaluation Team 96 exercise at Eglin AFB, FL.

Made preparation and arranged for hosting AAW-13 Pod ILSM at NAS Whidbey.

Hosted ILSM for 13 Pod/P-3/F-18 at NAS Whidbey for NAVAIR during week of 19 Aug.

Worked on AAW-13 pod problems over the E-mail with VA-196 aboard the carrier.

Reviewed SLAM-ER preliminary contract docs.

Worked on P-3 SLAM information with PAX River.

Brief VP-40 on SLAM missile, how it worked and all the Support Equipment required.

Attended A-6E Integrated Program Review/ Initial FMS conference in San Diego, CA.

Submitted annual Military Exempt Laser Report to Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command.

AME1 (b) (6) TAD to VA-165 to cover manpower shortages for Eglin AFB detachment and transfer of remaining aircraft to AMARC.

Attended National Aerospace FOD Conference.

AMS1(AW) (b) (6) reported on board.

AZ2 (b) (6) leaves Navy.

Assist with corrective action for VA-165 AME discrepancies.

CAWP picnic at Bowman Bay, Deception Pass State Park.

Trouble shot MAG 12 TOPSCENE unit, Iwakuni, Japan . Traveled to Iwakuni, Japan to repair TOPSCENE and conduct System Admin and user training for the MCAS Iwakuni personnel.

Traveled to MCAS Tustin to conduct System Admin and User training for MAG 16 and the Tustin squadrons.

Updated NAVSEADET PERA (CV) TOPSCENE load out schedule.

Responded to USS INDEPENDENCE trouble call for their TOPSCENE unit. Upgrade pending.

### September

VA-115 Transition Ceremony at NAS Lemoore, CA. Now VFA-115.

Participated in P-3/SLAM Operation at Pt. Mugu., test runs on Aircraft to target. Tiger team SLAM missile shoot for three F-18 squadrons and one P-3 aircraft. Supplied the MIU equipment to the CAG.

Set up ACE and IC computer training at St. Louis, Mo. for P-3 personnel plus training for NAWC reps on this system.

Received SLAM/P-3 training at St. Louis, Mo. on how to operate all of the new computers for SLAM on-board "real time" mission planning.

NAVAIR requested me to be fully briefed on block II Harpoon. Brief received at McDonnell Douglas, St. Louis, Mo.

Attended A-6E/EA-6B component transition follow-on meeting at NAVICP Philadelphia, PA.

Coordinated the disposition of assets and incorporation of AYB-715 on all A-6E rudder actuators.

Completed inventory of VA-115's excess material and shipped to Granite City.

VA-165 CTPL transferred; responsibility for VA-165 det library shifts to CAWP N4117.

AKC(AW) (b)(6) and AMSC(AW) (b)(6) frocked to present rate.

VA-165 disestablished. VA-165 Detachment remains.

Traveled to USS KITTY HAWK, San Diego CA, to conduct system admin training for the TOPSCENE.

Provided needed information to COMNAVSURFPAC Code N3 for the Alteration Engineering Request (AER) to obtain permission for the TOPSCENE installation aboard USS ESSEX.

Provided information to and helped MAG 16 prepare message requesting a TOPSCENE unit to support the SEA DRAGON special operations.

### October

Gave training to VP-40 on TDR for trouble shooting wiring problems.

Was not able to support HARM missile shoot due to lack of travel funds for the Marines.

Not able to support P-3 SLAM event at San Diego due to lack of travel funds.

Composed and sent in checklists for the Memory Loader for loading mission(s); and purging mission from SLAM missile and Memory loader. Composed completed operation procedure for IC computer for P-3 for down loading "real time" mission(s) to the SLAM missile.

Shipped VA-165's excess material to Granite City.



Assisted Curator, Naval Historical Center, Washington, DC in obtaining DRS for display.

Temporary loan of ALQ-126/ALR-67 assets to AIMD for training USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN-72) maintenance personnel.

Automatic distribution requirements for VA-165 Detachment terminated.

### November

Review P-3 loading manual for SLAM.

Gave in-depth training on Harpoon "Harpoon Theory of Operation" missile operations course.

Work on developing training course for Maverick/P-3 "O" level Maintenance Course.

Cliff Riech inquired about the release and control checks for Korean P3 aircraft, worked the problem out over the phone.

Taught the Harpoon Theory Operation Course to four students, three were from the P3 community and one from FMS. The course was two days long.

Accomplished Maverick P3 training with VP-40, Nine students in class.

Trouble-shoot P-3/IR-Maverick system with VP-40.

Shipped to Granite City over 2,000 A-6E peculiar parts.

Completed inventories of storeroom and Grumman warehouse.

Shipped VA-115's AIR shortages to AMARC.

Assisted NAVHISTCEN Curator in obtaining additional A-6 equipment for preservation.

Responded to inquiry from NSWC Crane concerning physical location of MXU-810/U "catseye" Serial Number RHF 0318. Custody information provided to NSWC Crane.

Obtained pilot ejection seat for the NJROTC class at Burlington-Edison High School.

VA-196 returned from last A-6 deployment.

VA-165 Detachment last ETR's, X-RAY's submitted.

EA-6B common manuals transferred to CVWP from CAWP Weapons; remaining manuals transferred to CAWP Maintenance for upkeep.

5 aircraft transferred to AMARC.

December

COMATKWINGPAC Christmas party.

VA-165 Detachment secured.

George Smith attended Harpoon/SLAM/SLAM-ER Operational Advisory Group (OAG) conference.

Assisted VAQ-137 with MAT request in support of EA6B/Harm Ops in Jan. At China Lake.

Assisted VAQ-134 Ordnance with coordinating Harm OP at China Lake in Jan. 1997.

Assisted Mr. Wes Gleason of Pax River in obtaining rewritten P-3 weapons Release and Control checklist for LAU-92/Maverick.

Assisted VAQ-136 with MAT request in support of EA6B/Harm Ops in Jan. At Pt. Mugu.

Disestablished the ARS program.

Inventoried and provided disposition of over 2000 excess A-6E components retrieved from SARDIP aircraft.

Recovered VA-196 NVIS Pack-up upon completion of their deployment.

Redistributed last of ALQ-126 countermeasures assets held by CAWP to COMSTRKFIGHTWINGPAC Lemoore and MALS ELEVEN, Miramar.

Redistributed all remaining complete sets of ALR-67 controlled assets to Commander, Naval Strike and Warfare Center, Fallon, NV.

Conducted VA-196 post-cruise MCI.

Shipped VA-165's van to AMARC.

Completed turnover of excess material/common parts to COMVAQWINGPAC.

Shipped VA-165's remaining AIR shortages to AMARC.

Took over maintenance of VA-165's financial records.

Processed 132 cannibalization actions, 3 det pack-up request, 600 shipment requests and about 500 requisitions for CY96.

6 aircraft transferred to AMARC.

LCDR (b) (6) retired.

Burial at sea for LCDR Roberts. KIA, 1965 Vietnam Spad Pilot.

A-6E Intruder Aircrew Memorial Dedication ceremony at Seaplane Base.

VA-196/COMATKWINGPAC Decommissioning ceremony.

VA-196 Decommissioned 28 February 1997.

#### March 97

26 March, last A-6 delivered to AMARC by CAPT Toms and CDR

(b) (6)

VA-196 disestablished, all personnel transferred.

#### April 97

COMATKWINGPAC Decommissioned 30 April 1997.

#### May 97

AOC (AW) (b) (6) terminal leave for retirement. CDR (b) (6) retires.

#### June 97

COMATKWINGPAC moves out of office spaces.

#### July 97

CAPT Toms, CDR (b) (6) and LCDR (b) (6) go on terminal leave for retirement.

COMATKWINGPAC Detachment secured.

\*\*\*\* THIS IS THE FINAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR COMATKWINGPAC\*\*\*\*